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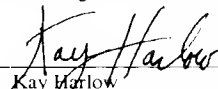
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
NITRIDE SPACER ETCH PROCESS
IMPLEMENTING *IN SITU* INTERFEROMETRY
ENDPOINT DETECTION AND NON-
INTERFEROMETRY ENDPOINT MONITORING

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS


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Sir:

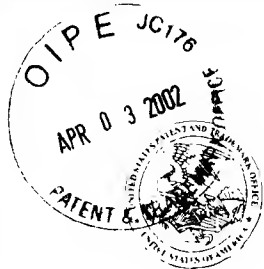
In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers--Filing Date Granted mailed on January 25, 2002, requesting substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84, a copy of which is enclosed, Applicants hereby attach a Separate Letter to the Official Draftsperson and the Formal Drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6, 7 and 8). Applicants further attach the executed Declaration signed by inventor Wayne Tu.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in the filing of this Response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P295). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Separate Letter to the Official Draftsperson

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the formal drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6, 7, and 8), for the above-referenced case. If the draftsperson has any questions concerning these drawings, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of these drawings, please charge such fees to deposit account 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P295).

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